

REMARKS

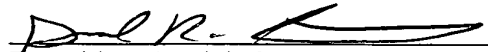
The Official Action dated December 24, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, claims 1 and 2 have been amended in order to better define that which Applicants regard as the invention. As previously, claims 1-4 are presently pending in the instant application with claims 3 and 4 being withdrawn from further consideration by Examiner.

With reference now to the Official Action and particularly page 2 thereof, claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Examiner states that claims 1 and 2 were amended to include the limitation of "under the condition that the voltage/current characteristics of said field effect transistor change due to a reduction in polarization and disappearance of charges after retention"; however, the Examiner finds it difficult in determining where in the specification support for such statement exist. It is further noted on page 3 of the office action that the Examiner states that the claim should simply read "after being programmed" rather than "after retention". As can be seen from the foregoing amendments, each of independent claims 1 and 2 have been amended in order to recite "under the condition that the voltage/current characteristics of said field effect transistor change due to a reduction in polarization and disappearance of charges after being programmed." Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that each of independent claims 1 and 2 now clearly recite that which presently set forth by applicants claimed invention. Accordingly, in that the Applicants have adopted language suggested by the Examiner it is respectfully submitted that applicants claimed invention as set forth in independent claims 1 and 2 now properly satisfy the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and are in proper formal condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the rejection of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1 and 2 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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